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Prior Application:  
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Sir:

This is a

- ☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
- ☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
- ☒ Divisional Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);
- ☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 10/421,826, filed April 24, 2003

for [Title as filed]: REFRIGERATING CYCLE OR COMPRESSOR HAVING FOREIGN MATTER COLLECTOR

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Hirotsugu FUKUOKA

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

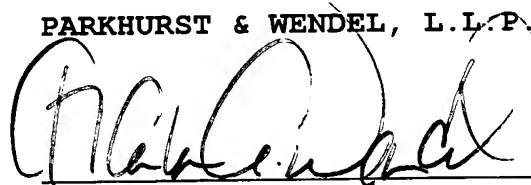
CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW		Basic Fee
Total claims	6 - 20 = 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	-
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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.
5. [ ] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before  
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is  
retained for filing purposes.
6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
--This is a [ ] Continuation [X] Division of application Serial No.  
10/421,826 filed April 24, 2003, now allowed which in turn is a  
division of 10/116,141 filed April 5, 2002, now U.S. Patent  
6,607,372 issued August 19, 2003 which in turn is a division of  
09/842,775 filed April 27, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,450,790 which in  
turn is a division of Serial No. 09/564,647 filed May 3, 2000, now  
U.S. Patent 6,250,898 issued June 26, 2001 which in turn is a  
division of Serial No. 09/201,880 filed November 30, 1998 which in  
turn is a division of Serial No. 08/802,533 filed February 18,  
1997, now U.S. Patent 5,865,607 issued February 2, 1999.--
7. [ ] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in said prior application  
which was not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 8-53908, filed February 16,  
1996; in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 08/842,775  
on February 18, 1997.

- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 8485, Frame 0330.
10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- [X] c. Address all future communications to
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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.
15. [X] Replacement Sheets of Figs. 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,

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